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SUBJECT: REVISION OF 1951 U.S.-U.K. CONSULAR
CONVENTION -- PROPOSED BILATERAL TALKS IN LONDON

1. THE UKG HAS INVITED THE STATE DEPT. TO SEND A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO LONDON THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TOWARD A REVISION OF THE 1951 CONSULAR CONVENTION. DEPT. HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND HAS SECURED CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. DEPT. ANTICIPATES SENDING TWO OFFICERS TO LONDON (L - HORACE SHAMWELL AND SCA/SCS - LILLIAN MULLIN).

2. SUBJECT TALKS ARE FOLLOW-UP TO EARLIER DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON (OCTOBER 5 THROUGH 7, 1971). AT THAT TIME, ADRIAN RUSSELL, CHIEF UK CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATOR, VISITED THE DEPT. AND EXAMINED WITH DEPT. OFFICERS AREAS IN WHICH OUR CONSULAR CONVENTION REQUIRED UPDATING OR UNCLASSIFIED

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AMENDMENT. DISCUSSIONS AT THAT TIME INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE, SCA AND PROTOCOL. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE PROPOSED LONDON ROUND OF TALKS WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AS WELL AS OTHERS WHICH HAVE COME TO LIGHT SINCE THAT TIME. THE MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE:

(1) EQUALIZATION OF TAX EXEMPTIONS (SALES, EXCISE AND PROPERTY);

(2) CLARIFICATION OF THE SCOPE OF PERSONAL IMMUNITIES ENJOYED BY CONSULAR PERSONNEL AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES;

(3) MORE DETAILED GUARANTEES OF CONSULAR ACCESS TO DETAINED SENDING STATE NATIONALS, INCLUDING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES;

(4) REVISION OF THE DEFINITION OF "UK TERRITORIES" TO WHICH THE CONVENTION APPLIES; AND

(5) MORE REFINED BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING AND REDEFINING CONSULAR DISTRICTS.

3. AFTER SEVERAL DELAYS, PROMPTED BY SCHEDULE CHANGES OF THE UK TEAM, A MAY 2 DATE HAS BEEN AGREED UPON AS MUTUALLY CONVENIENT. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 7 DAYS OF TALKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS ROUND. DEPT. HAS PREPARED A DRAFT REVISION OF THE 1951 TREATY AND IS PREPARED TO TABLE IT WITH THE UK SIDE FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. IT IS HOPED THAT THE EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR THE SCHEDULED TALKS. DEPT. WILL POUCH RELEVANT DISCUSSION MATERIALS TO THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DEPT. WOULD PARTICULARLY BE APPRECIATIVE IF EMB. COULD RESERVE SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE WEEK OF DISCUSSIONS. DEPT.
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WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATION ISSUES WITH EMB. OFFICERS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF TALKS ON MONDAY, MAY 2. FRIDAY, APRIL 29, WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON TRAVEL WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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